

Judgments – Don't Judge Others
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We hear a lot about the "judgment".

- *What is it?*
- *When does it occur?*
- *Who does the judging?*
- *Who is judged?*
- *How will we be judged?*
- *Why is there a need for a judgment?*
- *What are the rewards of judgment?*
- *Why is there a judgment at all?*

First, let's look at the warnings against being judgmental during this lifetime.

Warning = don't judge (now)

Matthew 7

- 1 "Judge not, that you be not judged.
- 2 "For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.
- 3 "And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye?
- 4 "Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye?
- 5 "Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.
 - The Bible tells us that even the faithful can be deceived.
 - We must realize that we can be wrong
 - Solomon tells us that no one can know all of God's ways
 - We each have the responsibility to live according to how the holy spirit leads us
 - God will hold us responsible in the final judgment

Romans 2

- 1 Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.
- 2 But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things.
 - God will rightly judge those who are judgmental in this life
- 3 And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God?
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- 5 But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,
- 6 who "will render to each one according to his deeds":
 - God will judge every person according to the way they lived their human life
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- 11 For there is no partiality with God.
- 12 For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law
- 13 (for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified;
 - People who never heard of the Bible can live according to its principles unknowingly
- 14 for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves,
 - Some people instinctively know right from wrong
 - The converse is also true:
 - **Leviticus 5:**
 - 17 "If a person sins, and commits any of these things which are forbidden to be done by the commandments of the LORD, though he does not know it, yet he is guilty and shall bear his iniquity.
 - 18 "And he shall bring to the priest a ram without blemish from the flock, with your valuation, as a trespass offering. So the priest shall make atonement for him regarding his ignorance in which he erred and did not know it, and it shall be forgiven him.
 - A penalty will be paid, but it can be forgiven if the person repents
- 15 who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them)
- 16 in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.
 - It will be God's judgment, but it will be Jesus Christ who acts as the judge

Romans 14

- 1 Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things.
 - Be careful around those who don't know the Bible's teachings and don't argue points that can have different viewpoints
- 2 For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables.

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- The issue here was vegetarians – not from a health standpoint, but from a religious view
- 3 Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him.
 - Don't be judgmental of others – they are being faithful to what they believe
- 4 Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.
- 5 One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind.
 - Each person needs to follow however the Holy Spirit moves them
 - “A person convince against their will is of the same opinion still”
- 6 He who observes the day, observes it to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe it. He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he who does not eat, to the Lord he does not eat, and gives God thanks.
 - If you do something against what you believe to be “truth”, you are doing wrong
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- 9 For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living.
- 10 But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.
 - Each person will be held responsible for their own actions individually to God only – not to each other
- 11 For it is written: "As I live, says the LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God."
- 12 So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.
 - **Ezekiel 18**
 - 29 "Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not fair.' O house of Israel, is it not My ways which are fair, and your ways which are not fair?"
 - 30 ¶ "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways," says the Lord GOD. "Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin.
 - 31 "Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O house of Israel?"
 - 32 "For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies," says the Lord GOD. "Therefore turn and live!"
- 13 Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother's way.

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- 14 I know and am convinced by the Lord Jesus that there is nothing unclean of itself; but to him who considers anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean.
- 15 Yet if your brother is grieved because of your food, you are no longer walking in love. Do not destroy with your food the one for whom Christ died.
 - To make another doubt Christ's voracity is a sin
 - Your example is more important
- 16 Therefore do not let your good be spoken of as evil;
- 17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
- 18 For he who serves Christ in these things is acceptable to God and approved by men.
- 19 Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.
 - What we need to do is "as much as possible, live peaceably with all men"
- 20 Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All things indeed are pure, but it is evil for the man who eats with offense.
- 21 It is good neither to eat meat nor drink wine nor do anything by which your brother stumbles or is offended or is made weak.
 - The more important thing is to avoid offense
 - It's all about "attitude"